

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a user profile comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a Portable Storage Device (PSD) to a computing device;

upon detecting the connection of the PSD, scanning the PSD for an indication of an existing user profile containing data files, application settings and user environment settings, wherein the user environment settings include one or more of ~~comprise~~ a user's desktop configuration, a start menu configuration, or an application toolbar configuration ~~other operating system shell configurations~~; and

in response to detecting that no existing user profile is found on the PSD, automatically launching a user profile connection wizard that enables the user to create a user profile on the PSD;

receiving input from the user profile configuration wizard from the user selecting which content data will be synchronized between the PSD and the computing device;

storing the selected content data on the PSD in association with a new user profile; and

in response to the user input, synchronizing the selected content data between the PSD and the computing device.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 28~~30~~, wherein the content data comprises a plurality of different types of data.

31. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the plurality of different types of data include one or more contacts, multimedia files, calendar data, and documents.

32. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein for each of the plurality of types of data, the user may select all, some, or none of the data.

33. (Original) The method according to claim 32, further comprising the step of synchronizing the selected content data with data on a later-connected PSD.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the content data comprises user settings.

35. (Original) The method according to claim 34, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select for synchronization all, some, or none of the user settings.

36. (Original) The method according to claim 35, further comprising the step of displaying, if the user chooses some of the user settings for synchronization, a list of user settings to the user.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein each item in the list of user settings is accompanied by a checkbox that, if checked, selects the item for synchronization.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 further comprising determining whether there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein if there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile, selecting a portion of memory on the PSD for storing the user profile and formatting the portion of memory for use as a user profile.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium on which is stored computer executable instructions that cause a computer to perform a method for creating a user profile comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a Portable Storage Device (PSD) to a computing device;

upon detecting the connection of the PSD, scanning the PSD for an indication of an existing user profile containing data files, application settings and user environment settings that are used to configure the computing device;

in response to detecting that no existing user profile is found on the PSD, automatically launching a user profile connection wizard;

receiving input from the user profile configuration wizard from the user selecting which content data will be synchronized between the PSD and the computing device;

storing the selected content data on the PSD in association with a new user profile; and

in response to the user input, synchronizing the selected content data between the PSD and the computing device.

41. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 40, wherein the user profile configuration wizard allows a user to select synchronization content data available to the user profile.

42. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the content data comprises a plurality of different types of data.

43. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein the plurality of different types of data include one or more contacts, multimedia files, calendar data, and documents.

44. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein for each of the plurality of types of data, the user may select all, some, or none of the data.

45. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 44, further comprising the step of synchronizing the selected content data with data on a later-connected PSD.

46. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the content data comprises user settings.

47. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 46, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select for synchronization all, some, or none of the user settings.

48. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 47, further comprising the step of displaying, if the user chooses some of the user settings for synchronization, a list of user settings to the user.

49. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein each item in the list of user settings is accompanied by a checkbox that, if checked, selects the item for synchronization.

50. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 40, wherein the method performed by the computer further comprises determining whether there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 50, wherein if there is not sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile, offering to free up storage space on the PSD by deleting files stored on the PSD.

52. (Currently Amended) A computer comprising a processor and a memory including computer executable instructions that cause the computer to perform a method for creating a user profile comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a Portable Storage Device (PSD) to a computing device;

upon detecting the connection of the PSD, scanning the PSD for an indication of an existing user profile containing data files, application settings and user environment settings that are used to configure the computing device;

in response to detecting that no existing user profile is found on the PSD, automatically launching a user profile connection wizard;

receiving input from the user profile configuration wizard from the user selecting which content data will be synchronized between the PSD and the computing device;

storing the selected content data on the PSD in association with a new user profile; and

in response to the user input, synchronizing the selected content data between the PSD and the computing device.

53. (Original) The computer of claim 52, wherein the user profile configuration wizard allows a user to select for synchronization content data available to the user profile.

54. (Original) The computer of claim 53, wherein the content data comprises a plurality of different types of data.

55. (Original) The computer of claim 54, wherein the plurality types of data include one or more contacts, multimedia files, calendar data, and documents.

56. (Original) The computer of claim 54, wherein for each of the plurality of types of data, the user may select all, some, or none of the data.

57. (Original) The computer of claim 56, further comprising the step of synchronizing the selected content data with data on a later-connected PSD.

58. (Original) The computer of claim 53, wherein the content data comprises user settings.

59. (Original) The computer of claim 58, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select for synchronization all, some, or none of the user settings.

60. (Original) The computer of claim 59, further comprising the step of displaying, if the user chooses some of the user settings for synchronization, a list of user settings to the user.

61. (Original) The computer of claim 60, wherein each item in the list of user settings is accompanied by a checkbox that, if checked, selects the item for synchronization.

62. (Original) The computer of claim 52, wherein the method performed by the computer further comprises determining whether there is sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile.

63. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 62, wherein if there is not sufficient memory available on the PSD to store a user profile, offering to free up storage space on the PSD by deleting files stored on the PSD.